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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

SECURITIES INVESTOR PROTECTION CORPORATION,

Plaintiff-Applicant,

v.

BERNARD L. MADOFF INVESTMENT SECURITIES LLC,

Defendant.

In re:

BERNARD L. MADOFF,

Debtor.

Adv. Pro. No. 08-01789 (BRL)

SIPA Liquidation

(Substantively Consolidated)

TRUSTEE'S MOTION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING
THE RETENTION OF BEDELL CRISTIN GUERNSEY PARTNERSHIP AS SPECIAL
COUNSEL NUNC PRO TUNC AS OF APRIL 5, 2013

Irving H. Picard, Esq. ("Trustee"), as trustee for the substantively consolidated

liquidation of Bernard L. Madoff Investment Securities LLC ("BLMIS"), under the Securities

Investor Protection Act, 15 U.S.C. §§ 78aaa, et seq. ("SIPA"), and the estate of Bernard L. Madoff (together, the "Debtor"), by and through his undersigned counsel, for his motion (the "Motion") for authority to retain special counsel *nunc pro tunc* as of April 5, 2013, respectfully represents as follows:

### Jurisdiction

- 1. This Court has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to SIPA section 78eee(b) and 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This matter is a core proceeding within the meaning of 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue of this SIPA liquidation case and this Motion are proper in this District pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief sought herein are section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA and sections 327(e), 328, 329 and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014.

# **Background**

- 3. On December 11, 2008 (the "Filing Date"),<sup>2</sup> the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") filed a complaint in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York against defendants Bernard L. Madoff and BLMIS (together, the "Defendants") (No. 08 CV 10791). The complaint alleged that the Defendants engaged in fraud through investment advisor activities of BLMIS.
- 4. On December 12, 2008, the Honorable Louis L. Stanton of the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an order which appointed Lee S. Richards, Esq., as receiver (the "Receiver").
- 5. On December 15, 2008, Judge Stanton entered an order pursuant to SIPA (the "Protective Decree"), which, in pertinent part:

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> For convenience, future reference to SIPA will not include "15 U.S.C."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> See section 78lll(7)(B) of SIPA.

- a) appointed the Trustee for the liquidation of the business of BLMIS pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA;
- b) appointed Baker & Hostetler LLP as counsel ("Counsel") to the Trustee pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA; and
- c) removed the case to this Bankruptcy Court pursuant to section 78eee(b)(4) of SIPA.
- 6. Issues have arisen in the Bailiwick of Guernsey ("Guernsey") that require the Trustee's participation and representation by counsel. The Trustee is required to file a "Norwich Pharmacal" application in Guernsey in connection with the Trustee's avoidance action against management personnel associated with the Fairfield Greenwich Group (the "Litigation").

### **Relief Requested**

- 7. The Trustee has determined that it will be necessary to engage additional counsel to represent him in Guernsey. Such legal counsel will enable the Trustee to carry out his duties in this SIPA liquidation proceeding. The Trustee, therefore, proposes to retain and employ the law firm of Bedell Cristin Guernsey Partnership ("Bedell Cristin") as its special counsel with regard to the Litigation effective as of April 5, 2013.
- 8. The Trustee seeks to retain Bedell Cristin as special counsel because of its knowledge and expertise in the laws of Guernsey.
- 9. The services of Bedell Cristin are necessary and essential to enable the Trustee to execute faithfully his duties herein.
- 10. Bedell Cristin has indicated a willingness to act on the Trustee's behalf to render the foregoing professional services.
- 11. The Trustee submits that Bedell Cristin's provision of professional services to the Trustee is permissible under section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA and is in the best interest of the Debtor's estate and customers and creditors.

- 12. To the best of the Trustee's knowledge, and except as disclosed in the declaration of disinterestedness of Alasdair Davidson (the "Davidson Declaration"), executed on April 8, 2013 and annexed hereto as Exhibit A, the partners and advocates of Bedell Cristin are disinterested pursuant to section 78eee(b)(3) of SIPA and do not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor's estate in respect of the matter for which Bedell Cristin is to be retained. Bedell Cristin's employment and retention is necessary and in the best interests of the Debtor's estate and its customers and creditors.
- 13. Bedell Cristin will be compensated at agreed upon rates, listed below, which reflect a reduction of its normal rates by ten percent (10%). Applications for compensation to Bedell Cristin will be filed with this Court pursuant to applicable statutes and rules. Bedell Cristin's rate information is as follows:

| Level of Experience | Normal Rates                 | Agreed Upon Rates |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|
| Partner             | £490 (\$750.16) <sup>3</sup> | £441 (\$674.89)   |
| Advocate            | £350 (\$535.83)              | £315 (\$482.06)   |

14. SIPC has no objection to this Motion and, pursuant to SIPA section 78eee(b)(3), SIPC specifies that the Trustee should be authorized to retain Bedell Cristin as special counsel for the purposes identified herein.

#### **Notice**

15. Notice of this Motion has been given to SIPC, United States Department of Justice, United States Securities and Exchange Commission and all parties that have filed a notice of appearance herein. In light of the nature of the relief requested, the Trustee submits that such notice is good and sufficient, and no other or further notice is necessary or required.

WHEREFORE, the Trustee respectfully requests that the Court enter an order

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> For the convenience of the court, this chart also identifies the rate information converted to U.S. dollars using the exchange rate in effect on April 8, 2013.

substantially in the form of Exhibit B hereto, (a) granting this Motion; (b) authorizing the Trustee to employ Bedell Cristin as special counsel for the purposes described herein, *nunc pro tunc*, as of April 5, 2013; and (c) granting the Trustee such other and further relief as is just and proper.

Dated: New York, New York April 8, 2013 Respectfully submitted,

## /s/ Marc E. Hirschfield

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